

Shankill Area Working Group

Wednesday, 2nd May, 2012

MEETING OF SHANKILL AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Aldermen Humphrey, McCoubrey and Smyth; and
Councillors Kingston and Thompson

In attendance: Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources;
Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;
Mr. G. Quinn, Senior Democratic Services Officer;
Ms C. Wilson, Project Officer; and
Mrs. P. Scarborough, Democratic Services Section

Welcome and Introduction

The Director of Property and Projects welcomed the Members to the first meeting of the Shankill Area Working Group. He reminded the Working Group that the Shankill area had been allocated a total of £490,000 from the Local Investment Fund.

After discussion, the Working Group agreed to be known as the Greater Shankill Area Working Group.

Overview of Governance Arrangements

The Director of Finance and Resources referred to the report of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25 April 2012.

The Working Group noted the information and agreed to the format proposed.

Overview of Local Investment Fund

The Director of Finance and Resources referred to the report of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25 April 2012. Members sought clarification on the authority of the Area Working Group. It was highlighted that the Group's recommendations were advisory and the final authority for investment decisions lay with the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

The Working Group noted the report, a copy of which had previously been circulated.

Prioritisation Framework

The Director of Property and Projects advised the Working Group that there were approximately two hundred possible projects which had been captured to date which would be divided between the City Investment and Local Investment Funds.

After discussion on the importance of reaching cross-party agreement on the selection of projects, the Working Group noted the information which had been provided and agreed to the proposed prioritisation framework.

Overview of Identified Projects and Initial Sift

The Director of Property and Projects circulated a list of Capital, City Investment, Local Investment and Revenue projects in the Greater Shankill area of the City. The Director informed the Members that some of the projects lacked specific detail currently and he advised that a team of staff had been established which would be contacting each of the project information sources in the near future to ascertain further details. Any approach which was made by any particular group for funding would be directed to its local elected representative.

Next steps and date of next meeting

The Director of Property and Projects advised the Working Group that information should be forwarded to Democratic Services on any additional projects for inclusion on the prioritisation list in advance of the next meeting. He requested that the Parties provide also appropriate contact information for lead people within each of the groups/organisations.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Greater Shankill Area Working Group would take place on Wednesday 30 May 2012 at 5.00 pm, in the First Floor North Conference Room, The Cecil Ward Building, to consider the prioritisation of the projects which had been identified.